

PATENT

Atty. Dkt. No. ATT 2003-0040

REMARKS**I. ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner asserts that claims 1-11 (Species I), claims 12-15 (Species II), claims 16-18 (Species III) and claims 19-25 (Species IV) are patentably distinct species. The Applicants elect claims 1-11 of Species I in the invention without traverse. Accordingly, Applicants request claims 1-11 of Species I to be examined in response to the restriction requirement and cancel claims 12-25 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to subsequently file one or more divisional applications in order to prosecute the inventions recited in any one or more of the non-elected groups of claims.

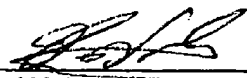
Conclusion

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirements for patentability. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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